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forming metals including both vanadium and titanium, the vanadium content being between 0.35 and 0.45% by weight and the titanium content being between 0.025 and .035% by weight, the ratio between the weight of copper present and the total weight of said hard carbide forming metals being 1.8 to 3 units of copper to 1 unit of the hard carbide forming metals.

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Please cancel Claims 5 and 6.

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